

To Mrs. Chapman Answer

3d Henry Chapman

Ans to Oct. 14th 1846.

[My dear Madam, -

It is with much pleasure that my Sister and I confide to your care the accompanying drawings which we have prepared for your Antislavery Fair; it is a gratification to us to be able thus to express (I wish that we could do it far more effectually) your earnest interest in the great cause of freedom to the Slave. Our beloved Father laboured long, perseveringly, and earnestly for it, as you will have seen if you have read his Memoir. Our drawings are accompanied by some flowers drawn by a friend, & by some valuable sketches by the Mr. Trippes, who are considered here very promising artists. Their style is much admired here, and good judges considered the figures worth at least five guineas each. - Mr. Geo. T. offered to send some drawings, without any solicitation on our part, & expressed much pleasure in having an opportunity of contributing to such an object. - Some of our pupils.

are also sending their little offerings, Emily, Rosetta, Annette,
& Charlotte Alexander, four sisters, Jewess, and Eliza Powell. 3

I know not whether I am indebted to your kindness
for sending us the Antislavery Standard, of which I perceive
that you are one of the Editors. Five numbers have
lately reached us, directed to Mr Carpenter Bristol; neither
of my Brothers now resides here, one, Russell, being
Minister at Bridgewater, & to him I have forwarded the
papers; - the other, ~~has~~ Philip, having a small Congregation
at Stand near Manchester. My eldest Brother D. H. B. Car-
penter, the author of the letter on D. Dewey's statements, is a
physician, & is now tutor to Lord Londesborough's sons, at Ryeley,
Surrey. - I have been much interested in many of the
articles in the Standard, but much regret that there
are so many divisions among the Abolitionists, & especi-
ally that this question about the Constitution so interferes
with their unanimity. It appears to me that the principles
of the Constitution, as far as I can form a judgment,
are most distinctly opposed to Slavery, & must, if carried

erty, and, abolish it, & that even the most objectionable clauses
[which I have seen quoted, do not by any means sanction
it; if they are capable of being so understood, if it
would be well for the Abolitionists to use every lawful
means to obtain the alteration of them. - Mr. Garrison
seems to me to mistake what was the position of the
Deputies before the repeal of the Test & Corporation Act.
They were obliged to take oaths in direct violation of their
consciences, & to partake of the sacrament in a form which,
to those holding Unitarian views, was idolatrous; of course
no consistent Unitarian could do this. But Dissenters did
not abstain from voting, on this account, or from holding
any situation under Government which did not require
these oaths. -

Will you excuse my making these remarks, my
dear Madam, & believe that I warmly sympathize in your
writings, & in those of your coadjutors, particularly of
Mr. Garrison, whose name Miss Martineau has made
very familiar to us. I hope that if I were among you

in Boston, I should rejoice to suffer the persecutions & odium
attached to the cause. I never see a colored person here
without desiring to congratulate him, that he is in a country
where he is looked upon as a man & a brother, & regarded with
peculiar interest and sympathy.

Oct 18. 1844

Mary Carpenter

Mrs. Chapman

May 1845. I have given to the friends the account -
keeping myself to the same as before.

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Will you accept the best wishes of all our family,
& believe me to remain, dear Madam,

respectfully yours,

Mary Carpenter

My address is, Miss Carpenter, Great George St., Bristol, England.